

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
UTILITY DIVISION  
AGENDA NO. 01-10-09**

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For Work Week Commencing: October 8, 2001  
Business Meeting: October 9, 2001, 9:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.state.mt.us>.

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**Work Sessions** All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dave).

1. D97.7.90, D2001.1.5 – MPC and Northwestern – Tier II and Northwestern/MPC Sale – to describe for the Commission the discussion at the scheduling conference and to present to the Commission scheduling options for consideration. Action may not be necessary (10/9/01)
2. D2001.8.109, N2001.7.100 – MPC and CELP – Complaint by CELP regarding MPC's avoided cost QF filing – To update the Commission on the process and to get permission to change this docket from a Complaint proceeding to a more typical contested case proceeding (10/9/01)
3. D2001.1.1, D96.2.22 – MPC Gas Tracker and Sale of Gas Production and Gathering Properties – Discuss and or act on Final Stipulation Order (10/9/01)
4. D2000.11.193 – MPC/Richard Helfrich – Complaint by Richard Helfrich Re: Energy Audits – To report the results of the 6-month monitoring period (10/9/01)

5. Annual renewal of BTU monitoring contracts – To approve 2001 –2002 BTU Monitoring contracts (10/9/01)
6. Annual update to pipeline safety rules – To approve notice of hearing on proposed update to PSC pipeline safety rules (10/9/01)
7. D2000.5.70 – Qwest – Investigation into Qwest’s compliance with Section 271 of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996 – Discuss and act on notice soliciting identification of CLEC participants and issues for CLERC forum as part of wrap-up of 271 proceedings (10/9/01)
8. N2001.7.98 – Clark Fork Telecommunications – Access Tariff Amendments – Discussion, direction, action on possible vacating of approval (10/9/01)
9. Alternative work schedules – Discuss and act on consumer staff’s request to continue 4-10s work schedule (10/9/01)
10. D2000.6.89 – Qwest – Permanent wholesale costs and prices: the Stipulation – To discuss the draft Final Order on the Stipulation; to get any changes and PSC approval (10/11/01)
11. D2001.8.104 – CenturyTel – Line Extension Proposal to Star Meadows – Discuss/direct/act (10/11/01)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 8:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

**Action Items** All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

**Notice Items** All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.state.mt.us/PublicComment/PublicComment.htm>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. RONAN TELEPHONE COMPANY Docket N2001.10.131 (Leroy)

On October 2, 2001, Ronan Telephone Company filed Notice and Application for Approval of Detariffed new Services - DND - Telemarketing Service. This is a new innovative service which allows subscribers greater control of their privacy by providing an optional method for screening telemarketers. It is designed to inform all callers in advance via a recording that the subscriber to this service does not accept calls from telemarketers. If the telemarketer proceeds beyond the recording, or calls again after receiving the recorded message, they may be in violation of FCC rule 47 C.F.R. Section 64.1200, and subject to state and/or federal penalties. When the service is provided in conjunction with Caller ID only incoming callers who block the calling number delivery capability would reach the recording. Activation and de-activation of DND - Telemarketing is controlled by the subscriber to the service.

2. MONTANA POWER COMPANY N2001.7.100 (Ryan)

On July 30, 2001, MPC filed its Update of Schedule Nos. QFLT-1 and STPP-1 while also making two changes to the methodology used in previous filings. The two changes are: 1) changing the Baseload Variable O&M cost escalator from the Produce Price Index – Electric to Unit Labor Costs, and 2) changing the source of coal cost information from actual contract numbers to actual invoice costs for coal.

3. Citizens Communications, Docket No. N2001.10.130 (Scott)

On October 1, 2001, Citizens Communication filed Advice Letter No. MT-01-10. The purpose of this filing is for a Citizens Select, Citizens Select Plus, and Citizens Business Select promotion where the Company will waive the initial non-recurring charge for installation. This promotion is scheduled to run from October 29, 2001, until January 29, 2002.

**Information Items** All items identified below are for information only.

**Tentative Action Items for Agenda 01-10-16**

**New Filings Received in Past Week**

N2001.10.130 – Citizens Communications – Tariff filing 01-10

N2001.10.131 – Ronan Telephone Co – New detariffed service